

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
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THEFT OF COAL
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Coal India Limited is incurring losses due to theft of coal in different coal mines;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and number of cases of theft of coal that have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years and as on date;
- (c) the extent to which the loss has been suffered by CIL due to theft of coal; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by government to stop recurrence of such cases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a), (b) & (c) Theft of Coal is carried out clandestinely and as such it is not possible to exactly specify the loss due to theft. However, as per raids conducted by security personnel as well as joint raids with the law and order authorities of the concerned State Governments during last three years, the following quantities were recovered in the Coal India Limited: -

Year	No. of incidents (TE)	Qty. recovered	Approximate value in lakh Rs.
1999-2000	192	4375.00	54.87
2000-2001	2241	23227.81	187.68
2001-2002	2225	24034.50	192.04

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(d) The following steps are being taken by coal producing subsidiaries of CIL to prevent theft or pilferage of coal: -

i) Collection of intelligence reports about illegal coal depots and illegal movement of coal, and informing district authorities of the same for taking preventive action.

ii) Installation of check-posts at vulnerable points to check transport documents.

iii) Construction of watch towers and providing lighting arrangements around the coal stacking area.

iv) Erection of barbed-wire/wall fencing around pit head depots, static security manning including deployment of armed guards during the night hours.

v) Escorting of loaded rakes upto railway weighbridges by armed guards and joint patrolling with Railway Protection Forces in the long railway tracks which are prone to wagon looting.

vi) Sealing of illegal mining spots.

vii) Stringent action against transport vehicles caught in the act of theft or pilferage.

viii) Engagement of lady security guards for preventing women and children indulging in theft/pilferage of coal, strengthening of the security discipline by reassessing the requirement of security personnel, horizontal movement of executives with aptitude for security work, and inducting qualified security personnel at junior, middle and senior levels.

ix) Training of existing security personnel, refresher training of CISF personnel and basic training to new recruits in security discipline for strengthening the security setup.

x) The coal companies maintain close liaison with the state authorities.